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3            1.    A bandana device for use by a vehicle  
4 rider wearing a helmet, to protect against dust  
5 impingement on the face, comprising, in combination:

6            a)    a generally triangular flexible  
7 protective fabric having two upper corners, with  
8 opposite sides,

9            b)    each upper corner defining an upper  
10 horizontal edge and a side edge extending generally  
11 normal to said upper edge,

12           c)    press-together connection components  
13 attached to the bandana, at said corners, one component  
14 on one side of the bandana, and another component on  
15 the opposite side of the bandana, said components  
16 extending proximate said edges,

17           d)    whereby when the bandana is applied to  
18 the wearer's face and said corners are brought together  
19 at the rear of the wearer's neck and below the  
20 lowermost rear edge of the helmet, said components are  
21 then positioned to be pressed together to retain the  
22 bandana tensioned over the wearer's face, and to  
23 exclude entrance of dust and dirt under the bandana.

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1                   2.    The combination of claim 1 wherein one  
2    component carries hook elements and the other component  
3    carries pile elements to connect to said hook elements  
4    when pressed together.

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7                   3.    The combination of claim 1 wherein the  
8    bandana has thickened zones proximate said corners,  
9    there being a first base supporting said hook elements,  
10   and a second base supporting said pile elements, the  
11   first base attached to one of said bandana thickened  
12   zones, and the second base attached to the other of  
13   said bandana thickened zones.

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16                  4.    The combination of claim 1 wherein one  
17   of said components has face area  $A_1$  and the other of  
18   said components has face area  $A_2$ , where

19                                  $A_1 > A_2$   
20   allowing for tightening or loosening adjustment of the  
21   bandana, via the press-together components by shifting  
22   of the position of  $A_1$  relative to  $A_2$ .

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1                   5.    The combination of claim 3 wherein one  
2   of said components has face area  $A_1$  and the other of  
3   said components has face area  $A_2$ , where

4                                  $A_1 \gg A_2$

5   allowing for tightening or loosening adjustment of the  
6   bandana, via the press-together components by shifting  
7   of the position of  $A_1$  relative to  $A_2$ .

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10                   6.   The combination of claim 3 wherein said  
11   thickened zones have overall thickness equal to at  
12   least two layers of the bandana fabric.

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15                   7.   The combination of claim 5 wherein said  
16   thickened zones have overall thickness equal to four  
17   layers of the bandana fabric.

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20                   8.   The combination of claim 1 wherein the  
21   bandana has folded triangular upper corner sections  
22   forming said corners.

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1                   9.    The combination of claim 7 wherein the  
2   bandana has folded triangular upper corner sections  
3   forming said corners.

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6                   10.   The combination of claim 1 including  
7   resiliently yieldable means attaching at least one of  
8   said components to the bandana, whereby the pressed  
9   together components may shift position, resiliently,  
10   relative to at least one of the bandana corners, when  
11   the bandana is tensioned over the wearer's face.

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14                  11.   The combination of claim 7 including  
15   resiliently yieldable means attaching at least one of  
16   said components to the bandana, whereby the pressed  
17   together components may shift position, resiliently,  
18   relative to at least one of the bandana corners, when  
19   the bandana is tensioned over the wearer's face.

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22                  12.   The combination of claim 1 including  
23   said helmet having its lower rear edge proximate but  
24   above said pressed together components.

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